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EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Alumni Architecture Exhibit continues in South Gallery, through Feb. 19.

9-Valentine's Film: Cocoon, 12:15 p.m., Student Lounge.

10- Pain Awareness Day: Keynote speaker Caroline Curtiss, oncology nurse and specialist, 12 noon, Lecture Hall. Health professionals available 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in main lobby, south hallway and C 129. Sponsored by Health Services.

10-Valentine's Film: Cocoon, 12 noon, Student Lounge.

16-Creative Movement for parents and children: 12 noon, Business FSM.

16-Health Career Day: meet with area employers in the medical fields, 2-4 p.m. in cafeteria.

17-Concert: Guitarist Lorre Wyatt will perform at noon in the cafeteria.

17-Meet Dr. Katherine Sloan, the sixth president of GCC, at a reception, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in South Gallery.

24- Concert: Rock Streamline will perform at 12 noon in the cafeteria.

24- Exhibit: GCC Art Faculty Exhibit opens in South Gallery (through March 22).

26- Lecture: The Connecticut River in Perspective—Writers on the Connecticut, is the subject of a talk by Richard Wizansky, instructor of English. The third in the

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Sloan takes over presidency in mid-February

Dr. Katherine H. Sloan will become the sixth president of Greenfield Community College in mid-February. Sloan comes to the college from Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, where she has most recently served as dean of academic affairs.

The public is invited to meet Sloan at a reception at the college Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

In a recent interview, Dr. Sloan discussed her philosophy of education and the challenges facing community colleges in the next decade.

"The major issue for all community colleges," Sloan said, "is how best to provide an education in two or three years for students of diverse backgrounds and experiences. We need to provide an education that enables them to do the groundwork for professions and their own lives in the next decade."

"Any education that provides training for specialized skills will be limited," she added. "The main question is how do we insure that a broad, 'learning to learn' emphasis is built into programs?"



Dr. Katherine H. Sloan

Recorder photo

The main challenge for Massachusetts community colleges in the coming decade, Sloan said, will be

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ALUMNI UPDATE

Graduate finds niche in restaurant business

For **Ed Feldman** (GCC '82), the college was the first step toward a career in the restaurant business. Ed and his wife Ruth are the co-owners and chefs at Cafe Freesia in Newton Corners, Mass.

After graduating from GCC with a degree in marketing and management, Ed attended the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vermont.

Cafe Freesia serves contemporary American cuisine, and is located at 400 Center Street, Newton Corners.

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Introduction

Welcome to the first issue of the GCC newsletter, a quarterly publication for the staff, faculty, alumni and friends of Greenfield Community College. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide readers with news about faculty, staff and alumni achievements, as well as stories about developments of interest to the college community. Please send material you'd like to share to B.J. Roche, Room C 220. The deadline for the spring 1988 issue is February 28.

PEOPLE TO NOTE: Business Micro-computer Applications coordinator **Betsy Averill** reports that grad **Katie Sheridan** is working at Knapp's Hardware Store in Greenfield...**Pat Hanjack** is a switchboard operator/receptionist at Deerfield Academy...**Fred Erickson** is working with computers at Greenfield Steel Stamp Company.

Herb Steeper, transfer co-coordinator, keeps up on the progress of GCC's Ada Comstock Scholars and transfers to Smith College...**Patricia Bradford** (GCC '80, Smith '83) is living in South Hadley, and works as project director for the Corporation for Public Management**Monica Winters** (GCC '77, Smith '81) is a teacher and employment counselor at Chelmsford High School....**Suzanne Sheldon** (GCC '76, Smith '78) is now an attorney with Sally, O'Connell and Fitch in Boston...**Susan Berube** (GCC '78, Smith '81) is marketing coordinator for Syncsort, Inc. in Westwood, N.J....**Mary Ann Whalen** (GCC '79, Smith '84) completed her MSW in 1986, and is currently a mental health worker at the Brattleboro Retreat...**Sigrd Wiemers** (GCC '80, Smith '83) went on to earn a Masters degree from Yale University and is currently working in Washington, D.C....**Victoria McCue** (GCC '81, Smith '84) is now living in Tucson, Arizona...**Jean Tobin** (GCC '84, Smith '86) has recently completed work on her MSW...Completing their Smith degrees this January are **Adas Eileen Harrington** and **Jerri Higgins**. At Amherst College this year are: **Bill Franklin** (GCC '88), **Bob Baruch** (GCC '87) and **Eric Sumner** (GCC '85)....

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D. Koonz photo

Beryl Holloway shows off one of the prints that was recently donated to the Student Services Office by an anonymous graduate.

Jeffrey E. (GCC '77, UMass '80) and **Debra Kelleher Gardner** (GCC '79) are now living in Arroyo Grande, California...**Douglas Blalecki** (GCC '79) is currently attending Emerson College in Boston...

Merryl Sackin reports that **Ros Chandler Donovan** (GCC '79) is a new mom. Chelsea Donovan (GCC 2007?) was born in October...

David Chenail (GCC '79, UMass '81, New England School of Law '84), is a practicing attorney in Adams. He married Jude Locke, assistant Berkshire County district attorney, in September...**Susan Lichtenthal** (GCC '84, UMass '86), is an executive assistant at Braxton Associates, an international management consulting firm in Boston. She lives in Waltham.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI: What's happening in your life? New job? New baby? New spouse? Share it with the college community by dropping a line to ALUMNI UPDATE, Room C220, Greenfield Community College, One College Drive, Greenfield, MA 01301. **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

CATALOGUE GETS NEW LOOK

The Marketing Committee has hired Leverett graphic designer Frederick Schneider to redesign the 1988-89 college catalogue.

Schneider is a professional graphic designer and illustrator and has produced promotional materials for many local organizations, including Heritage NIS. He is an assistant professor at the Art Institute of Boston, and he has been both instructor and associate chairman of the illustration department at the Parsons School of Design in New York.

Committee chairman Dean Hyrum Huskey says he would like to give the catalogue more of a student orientation and make it generally more useful for both students and advisors. The second phase of the Marketing Committee's long-term plan will be to re-write the catalogue's contents, including course descriptions, in time for the 1989-90 catalogue.

RE:SOURCES now available

"RE:SOURCES, People and Subjects of Interest at Greenfield Community College" is a new brochure listing over 20 staff and faculty members and their lecture or workshop subjects.

"RE:SOURCES" is designed for

civic groups, schools, media and others who need speakers or sources of information on a particular subject.

The brochure is free of charge, and available through the President's Office at GCC.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Beryl Holloway, Jane Filkins, Joanne Shaw, Pat Jurek and Mary Bell in the Student Services Office recently received a gift of thanks from an art department graduate. The art prints which now decorate the Student Service offices were the gift of an anonymous graduate who wanted to show her appreciation for the help these women had given her over the years.

Jean Simmons has been elected to the Cabinet on Nursing Education of the Massachusetts Nurses Association. The cabinet focuses on nursing education issues of interest to practicing nurses.

WELCOME: **Arden Billings** to the post of secretary to the president...**Nancy McGarry**, secretary to the dean of administration...**Kathleen Meyer**, secretary to the division of business administration...**Andrew Pearson**, to maintainer I, Physical Plant..

FAREWELLS TO: **Faith Jones**, who has left her job as secretary for the Learning Center, and **Cricket Spooner**, who retired as secretary of

the Division of Business Administration in November after many years of service to the college.

ON THE MOVE: **Vicky Farrington** goes from Behavioral Sciences secretary to Learning Center secretary...

Margaret Craig recently attended the invitational conference of the National Commission on Nursing Implementation Project in San Diego. The conference, held for the top 300 leaders in nursing and education, addressed the implementation of major changes in nursing education, practice and research.

Arthur Shaw's Pioneer Valley Museum of Industry is the subject of a piece published recently in "The Millers River Reader," a book about the region published by Millers River Publishing Company in Athol. The piece was written by **B.J. Roche**, and originally published in Perspectives, The Pioneer Valley Studies Newsletter.

Virginia Lowe, retired professor in the English department, had an essay entitled "Illness as Metaphor" published in the fall 1987 issue of The Literary Review, an international quarterly published at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, N.J. Lowe will be one of the featured speakers at the college's Women's Week celebration in March.

Kate Finnegan recently attended a statewide conference on early childhood special education.

Foundation seeks funding proposals

Do you have an idea for a program that will enhance the quality of education at GCC? The GCC Foundation is seeking proposals from faculty and staff for 1988.

The Foundation celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year on the heels of last year's successful fundraising campaign, in which \$25,000 was raised through donations from within the college and the community. Its membership today numbers over 300, and its assets total \$600,000. Those assets have been built at the same time that hundreds of thousands of dollars has been provided in grants and scholarships to faculty, staff and students.

Some of the projects that received Foundation support last year include:

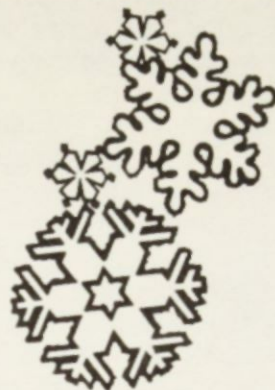
- * six full scholarships made possible by the Ethel Dow Wells Foundation
- * two minority scholarships made possible by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company
- * ten grants to faculty and staff to attend workshops and conferences
- * a grant to a dean to attend a special program at Harvard
- * a grant to provide temporary support for international students whose support funds have been delayed
- * a grant to support a faculty lecture series
- * funds for the publication of the MacLeish Symposium talks.

For more information about applying for Foundation funding, contact Bob Merriam in the President's Office.

EVENTS

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Aspects of the Academy series, 12 noon, lecture hall.



MARCH

2- Alcohol and Drug Awareness Day:

7-11: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK:

Exhibits, films, speakers, panel discussions and performances will mark the week. Watch the Recorder and the Union-News for specific events.

10-13 and 17-20-**ACT-GCC Musical:** "Guys and Dolls." 8 p.m., SO1

14-18 **Spring Break**

23- **Concert:** Pat and Tex will perform at 12 noon in the cafeteria.

24- **Photography Exhibit:** opens in South Gallery (through April 19).

25: **Lecture:** Posing Questions of the Academy: Forging Links Between Theory and Experience, is the subject of a talk by Catherine M. Finnegan, assistant professor of early childhood education. The fourth in the Aspects of the Academy series. 12 noon, lecture hall.

doing more with less.

"For GCC, the challenge will be in developing partnerships and collaborations that optimize financial resources from the private and public sectors," Sloan said. "There are all kinds of exciting things to be done, and in the past, most colleges have not explored those things as much as they could have."

State funding for community colleges is another problem Sloan identified.

"In some areas there have been good funding opportunities; for example, in programs for non-traditional students," Sloan said. "But, for example, it's been difficult to get funding to upgrade equipment. A lot of that funding is limited to the four -year colleges. It's a serious issue, and it's extremely important that community college educators and board members get involved in identifying these issues to those in charge of state and federal

appropriations."

Sloan supports the growth of programs designed for non-traditional students, but she says that some changes in the funding process are needed for their long-term success.

"The issue here is that these programs are funded for 18 months, but at the end of the program, the college has to take over the funding," Sloan said. "We need to develop more of a long-term infrastructure for these kinds of programs."

Sloan brings to the job a rich background in community college education. For the past three years she has held the post of dean of academic affairs at Quinsigamond. For some eleven years, she served as division dean of visual and performing arts, recreation and social service and professor of English and humanities at Dawson College in Montreal.

Sloan was interested in becoming a college president, she says, because she wanted to make a contribution beyond the realm of academics.

"I think sound academic leadership

is needed at a college to make it all come together," Sloan said. "But I have discovered, as a dean, that many issues vital to a student's success go beyond the academic affairs area...For example, access to financial aid makes a difference."

Sloan says she likes working with students, and sees herself "fundamentally as a teacher."

"I think I know firsthand what faculty and students are talking about when problems arise at a college," she said. "It's important that a president have an awareness of academic issues, and I think the job of academic dean is appropriate training for a president."

She is also a convert to the beauties of western Massachusetts. Sloan likes to golf, hike and cross country ski, so she, her husband Bill and her son Kevin, should have much to occupy their free time.

"I'm looking forward to this opportunity," she said. "I'm optimistic and enthusiastic about it....The area has a lot of potential. It's a great experience for me, and hopefully for the college."

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